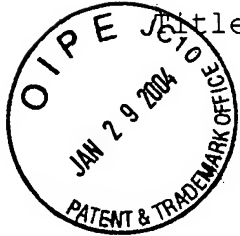


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Dear Sir:

The remarks and amendments are submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 28, 2003. This response is being filed within three months of the shortened statutory period.

The application is now believed to be in condition for allowance and reconsideration in light of the following is respectfully requested.